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**LAW ENFORCEMENT ARREST 19 INDIVIDUALS CHARGED IN
FEDERAL DRUG AND MONEY LAUNDERING INDICTMENT**

(San Antonio, Texas) United States Attorney Johnny Sutton, Acting Special Agent in Charge Daniel Lee Cloyd, Federal Bureau of Investigation—San Antonio Division, San Antonio Police Chief Albert Ortiz, Austin Police Chief Stan Knee and Assistant Special Agent in Charge Javier Pena, Drug Enforcement Administration—San Antonio District Office announced today the arrests of 19 people charged in a 22-count federal grand jury indictment with conspiring together to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine and 1,000 kilograms of marijuana.

The arrests began yesterday in four Texas locations: San Antonio, Austin, Del Rio and Hewitt. Arrested and charged in the indictment include:

Carlos Martinez	San Antonio	D.O.B.: 6/8/69
Antonio Lomax	San Antonio	D.O.B.: 5/30/72
Frank Campos	Austin	D.O.B.: 11/28/76
Reynaldo Campos, Jr.	Austin	D.O.B.: 8/19/82
Nadia Haehnel	Austin	D.O.B.: 2/13/78
Richard Herrera	Austin	D.O.B.: 12/24/80
George Cruz Martinez	Austin	D.O.B.: 10/09/79
Robert Miles	Austin	D.O.B.: 3/20/80
Ricky Padilla	Austin	D.O.B.: 8/29/78
Trellis Carson	Austin	D.O.B.: 3/12/81
Charles Jackson	Austin	D.O.B.: 2/14/65
David Degnan	Austin	D.O.B.: 7/26/78
Andrea Sais	Hewitt	D.O.B.: 7/5/78
Roberto Blanco	Del Rio	D.O.B.: 6/10/84
Jose Saldana	Del Rio	D.O.B.: 1/6/47
Saul Saldana	Del Rio	D.O.B.: 10/10/83
Leopoldo Correa	Del Rio	D.O.B.: 9/24/83
Fernando Salazar Valdez	Del Rio	D.O.B.: 1/21/74
Francisco Valdez, Jr.	Del Rio	D.O.B.: 10/01/69

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Four other defendants charged in this indictment were already in custody. They are:

Mark Anthony Garcia	San Antonio	D.O.B.: 4/19/76
Sang Ho Tillman	San Antonio	D.O.B.: 12/1/74
Sang Hwan Tillman	San Antonio	D.O.B.: 10/18/76
Samuel Hernandez	San Antonio	D.O.B.: 11/24/80

With the exception of George Cruz Martinez, each defendant is also charged with at least one substantive drug charge. Mark Anthony Garcia also faces a charge of possession of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime. Frank Campos, Reynaldo Campos, Nadia Haehnel, Richard Herrera, Andrea Sais, Fernando Salazar Valdez, Trellis Carson and Francisco Valdez, Jr., are also charged with one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and one substantive count of money laundering. George Cruz Martinez is also charged with one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering. In the money laundering charges, the indictment reflects the seizure by law enforcement of \$533,228 in alleged drug distribution proceeds attributed to this organization.

Also in connection with this investigation, authorities in San Antonio arrested 20-year-old Dayna Molina yesterday and charged her by criminal complaint with conspiracy to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine and 1,000 kilograms of marijuana and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

Since 2001, authorities believe this organization was responsible for importing more than two tons of marijuana and 100 kilograms of cocaine from Ciudad Acuna, Mexico, and distributing it in Del Rio, San Antonio, Austin, Waco and Dallas. During this investigation, authorities seized drug proceeds totaling more than \$1 million in cash.

U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton commended the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Antonio Police Department High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) unit, Austin Police Department, Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, Texas Department of Public Safety HIDTA unit, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration and the Agriplex Drug Task Force (Waco). "This is an excellent example of state, local and federal law enforcement agencies coming together to disrupt and dismantle a large drug trafficking organization that operated in at least four Texas communities," said Sutton. "Through the combined and coordinated efforts of these agencies and the U.S. Attorney's Office, the members of this group have been put out of their illegal business and will face justice in federal court."

"Through the cooperation of agencies at the federal and local level, these suspects, upon conviction, will face substantial prison sentences without parole. This operation underscores the value of our partnership with federal law enforcement," stated Austin Police Chief Stan Knee.

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“These are the types of organizations that with the cooperation of all law enforcement, as in this case, can be brought to their knees,” stated Assistant Special Agent in Charge Javier Pena, Drug Enforcement Administration–San Antonio District Office.

“In this investigation, cooperation and coordination among law enforcement agencies was the key to taking down an international narcotics trafficking organization operating from Mexico to the far reaches of our State,” stated Charles S. Harrison, Interim Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

“We are committed to using whatever resources are available to prevent drugs from reaching our area of service. Being a part of a coalition of local, state and federal law enforcement greatly enhances our ability to serve our communities,” stated John Haigood, Commander of the Agriplex Drug Task Force.

If convicted, each defendant faces between 10 years and life in federal prison without parole. An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence. The defendants are presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Sam Ponder, Greg Surovic and Charlie Strauss.

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